

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Fish Tales

A GIANT Ray 20 feet across and a shark with a fin two feet tall seen in Hongkong—Fish tales? Not exactly. Not the greatest living fish expert on earth would deny that there are such phenomena. Perhaps there has been a slight exaggeration in size—but the truth of the headline "Junk Bay Monster Runs Away With Yacht" is not in doubt even though that delightful humorist, Mr. James Thurber might have imagined a huge serpent-like monster racing through the waves at top speed with the unfortunate yacht tucked underneath a fin! We can now say Hongkong has had visitations from the denizens of the deep and in the same way as Loch Ness and the Anglers' Retreat, the Colony has attained immortality. Our children's children will be able to say: "Yes, in 1954 a huge 100 foot monster pulled a big ocean liner three times around the harbour by its anchor"—for embellishment, and improvement on the original are sure to come with the passing of time. It is, we appreciate, something of a blow to Hongkong's pride to learn that the creature that gave Mr. Bruestlein such a fright last Monday is not really dangerous. No sting in its tail, the expert assures us, and really it has a very delicate appetite. Its diet consists of plankton and small fish. We take the expert's word for it but we remind our readers of the old saying: It's folly to be wise—there's no need to excite its interest by swimming too near! And the shark with the two-foot fin? He must have been enormous—at least a 40-footer! Encyclopaedia Britannica assures us that it could only have come from the fathomless depths of the Pacific. We recall the occasion when a big ocean liner en route to Australia was suddenly brought to a halt in mid-ocean after colliding with just such a shark as this. The liner's captain swore it was 40-50 feet long. The captain reported that the gills became embedded on the ship's bows. Unable to release the monster the ship proceeded on its course to Fremantle where the crew discovered that only the head and part of the body remained. For the benefit of sceptical reporters the captain surmised that the helpless fish must have been attacked and eaten by other sharks. Fish tales? Maybe, but they make good stories!

TUNISIA ROW BREWING IN FRANCE

Protest Move By 115 Deputies Against Premier

Paris, Aug. 3. Hostility to M. Pierre Mendes-France's "home rule for Tunisia," policy took a menacing turn tonight when 115 right-wing deputies led by ex-Premier Antoine Pinay came out with a vehement protest.

They will seek to rally independents, Gaullists and Conservatives against the Premier in next Tuesday's Tunisia debate. They accuse him of abolishing treaties, linking France and the Tunisian protectorate without consulting Parliament.

To aggravate M. Mendes-France's problems a wave of unrest is sweeping Morocco, where 11 people were killed when hundreds of demonstrators surged through the oil town of Petitjean demanding the return of the banished former Sultan, Mohammed Ben Youssef.

The home rule offer to Tunisia is believed to have encouraged extremists to step up their pressure in Morocco, a Reuter message from Rabat said.

In Geneva, Paris and Tunis leaders of the outlawed Neo-Destour Nationalist Party of Tunisia met tonight to discuss strategy. Their Assistant Secretary-General, Aly El Belhassen, said at Geneva airport: "We shall examine the real content of the French proposals but we have the impression that they are really serious this time."

At the same time he sounded the warning: "The Opposition in France and among the French in Tunisia is very powerful."

A SURPRISE
Habib Bourguiba, the exiled leader of the party, announced today from his home in Montargis, near Paris, that the Neo-Destour would give full support to Tahar Ben Ammar, Moderate Nationalist who has been appointed new Premier of Tunisia.

Ben Ammar surprised political quarters in Tunis tonight by submitting a tentative Cabinet list to the Bey at his Carthage palace only 24 hours after being named Premier.

It had been expected that he would await the outcome of Neo-Destour conferences in Europe before presenting a list. Before seeing the Bey he negotiated for an hour and a half with Neo-Destour leaders released only yesterday from house arrest.

JUIN'S SUPPORT
In Tuesday's debate in the French Assembly many potential critics will be silenced by the fact that the Premier's Tunisian policy has been fully endorsed by Marshal Alphonse Juin, known as a staunch friend

of French settlers in North Africa.

The speed with which the new Tunisian Government has been formed will also strengthen the Premier's hand. Earlier today, the Radicals, M. Mendes-France's own party, held a stormy meeting in which the Premier only just managed to keep his critics from voting a motion hostile to the Government's Tunisian policy.

The Tunisian issue will come up next Tuesday in the National Assembly when the "Tunisians Lobby" may make its first determined attempt to bring down the Mendes-France Cabinet.

M. Mendes-France faces a Parliamentary battle on Thursday and Friday.

Thursday's debate is on his request for far-reaching special powers to revolutionise France's economy.—Reuter.

Death Roll In Morocco Rises To 21

Rabat, Aug. 3. Eleven people were killed in demonstrations for the return of ex-Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef in the town of Petitjean, 100 miles from here today. Six of them were Jews, killed when hundreds of Moroccan demonstrators sacked Jewish shops.

The mob set fire to the shops and threw their victims' bodies into the flames. Five of the demonstrators died in clashes with the police and about 30 wounded.

Today's incidents brought to 21 the death toll in disturbances in different parts of the territory in the last three days.

The mob today clubbed two Jews to death with iron bars and killed four other Jews including a boy aged 12 in bloody rioting.

Two of the mob were slain in vicious fighting as an estimated 800 Moroccans, carrying banners calling for the return of the banished Sultan, Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef, rampaged through the Jewish quarter.

20 INJURED
The police said some 20 other persons were injured. The sudden, murderous flare-up of the age-old enmity between Jews and Arabs sorely taxed the police forces at Petitjean. The local gendarmerie consists of three French police inspectors, six Moroccan auxiliaries and some 10 armed patrolmen.

But security forces poured into the town to reinforce them and, in firing on the mob to disperse it, killed two and seriously wounded another two Moroccans.

Order finally was restored but as one policeman put it, "Unfortunately too late."

Reuter and United Press

Hillary's Request To Peking

Bombay, Aug. 4. Sir Edmund Hillary, conqueror of Everest and leader of the 1954 New Zealand Himalayan expedition, has asked Peking if he can make an attempt on Everest from the northern route leading from Tibet.

Mr George Lowe, member of the New Zealand expedition, said before leaving Bombay for England he was neither hopeful nor pessimistic about permission being granted.

"There is nothing like trying," he added.

The fact that Everest had been conquered once would not make the task of climbing to its top again easier, he added.

The element of luck always counted.—Reuter.

Pilot's Vain Bid To Avoid Disaster

New York, Aug. 3. An Air Force F-84 Thunderjet fighter-bomber crashed into the south shore of the Long Island community today, damaging homes and injuring at least six persons, three of them small children.

The pilot, Captain William W. Land, of the 173rd Ferry Squadron at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, was blown to bits in his efforts to steer clear of his crippled plane away from the homes of the Long Island community of 9,000, 28 miles from New York City.

The plane dug a crater in a street and its exploding fuel set fire to several homes.

The deafening explosion that rocked "Wantagh Acres" chimneys, shattered windows and demolished at least one automobile.

Some of the injured were burned seriously by the explosion, which showered the neighbourhood of modest post-war homes with flaming fuel and wreckage.

DEVELOPED TROUBLE
Fire apparatus and emergency equipment were summoned from nearby communities and from Mitchell Air Force base.

The Meadowbrook Hospital at nearby East Meadow reported that three children and one adult had been received in its emergency room.

Air Force officials at nearby Mitchell Field said Captain Land's plane developed trouble 10,000 feet over Wantagh, as he flew with three other F-84 planes from Dover to Bangor, Maine. The Republic F-84G, a single-jet, straight-wing craft capable of refueling in the air, is the first fighter designed by the Air Force to carry the atomic bomb.—United Press.

Koreans Demonstrate Against Truce Team

Seoul, Aug. 3. About 1,600 young Koreans this afternoon staged three major demonstrations at Tagu and Pusan demanding immediate withdrawal of Communist members of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission.

The U.S. Army Korean communications zone headquarters said 150 Koreans staged the demonstrations in front of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission Pusan inspection team quarters north of Pusan.

In Tagu, 1,200 demonstrators marched through the centre of the town and later five truckloads of demonstrators chanted slogans in front of the United States Army Korean communications zone headquarters where truce inspectors are billeted.

NO VIOLENCE
American military police lined up in front of the gate and the demonstrators did not attempt to enter. An Army spokesman said "there was no violence at any time."

But in Pusan the senior Communist delegate declared that the United Nations was violating the armistice agreement "by allowing" South Koreans to demonstrate their dislike of the Poles and Czechs.

United Nations senior delegate Rear-Admiral T. B. Brittain replied to the charge made by Lt. General Lee Sang-cho. He told the Reds "all steps have been taken to protect the Neutral Nations inspection teams."

Today's demonstrations were the latest of a series of demonstrations and incidents in protest against the presence of Communist members of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission inspection teams in South Korea since last Friday.

Last Friday the South Korean Front Marshal, General Won Yung Duk, issued a statement demanding the immediate withdrawal of Polish and Czech members of NNSC teams in South Korea.

The demonstrations and incidents involving fire arms occurred at four of five ports of entry in South Korea in the past five days.

Only Kangnung on the east coast had no incidents.—Reuter and United Press.

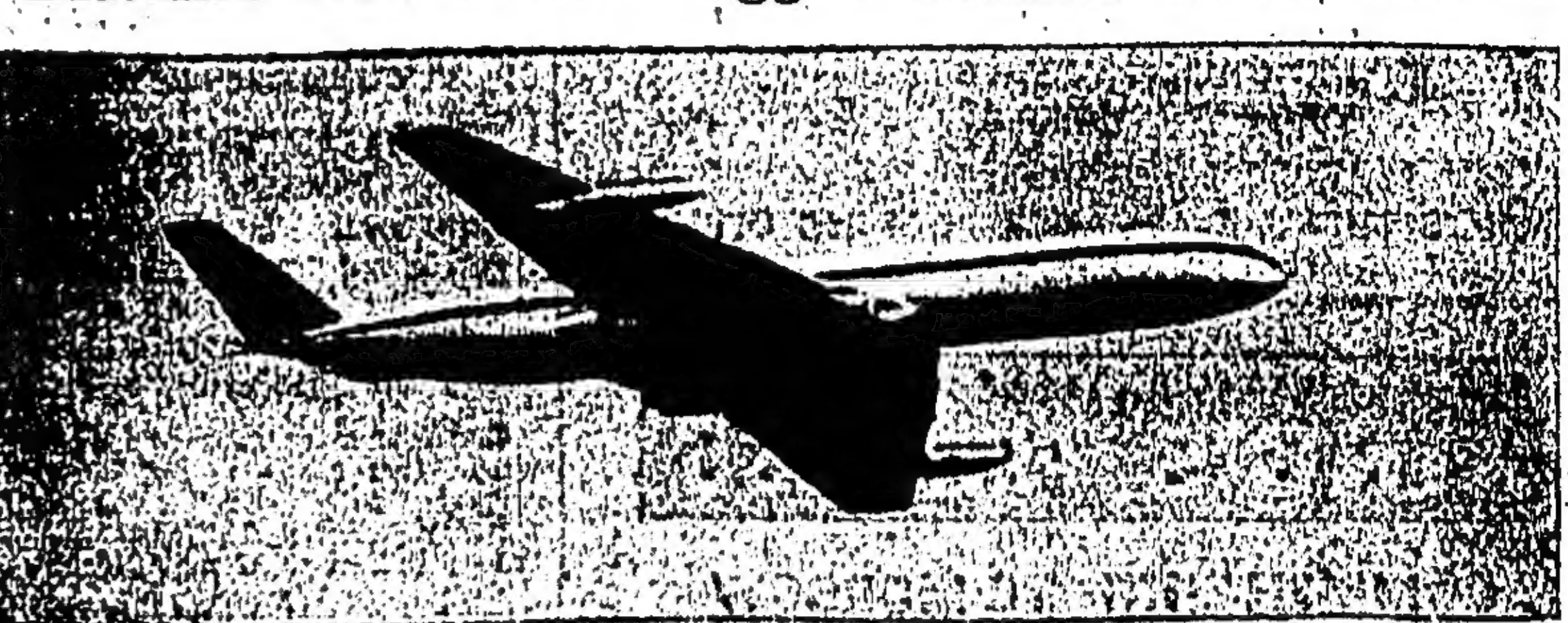
23 Killed In Train Derailment

Lisbon, Aug. 3. Twenty three Africans have been killed and 21 injured in a train derailment in Abgola, West Africa, according to the Portuguese News Agency today.

One European is also reported to have been injured.

The accident took place because of the port of Mossamedes in up-country Banderina, France-Press.

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Mr Bruestlein Might have been worried but

The 'Junk Bay Monster' Was Not A Dangerous Ray

The 'Junk Bay Monster', a giant ray fish measuring about 20 ft across, which towed a five-ton yacht for more than a mile in the harbour on Monday was a Devil Ray or a Giant Manta, but unlike its smaller brother, the sting ray, it was not dangerous.

This is the opinion of the Hongkong Fisheries Officer, Mr. T. Gorazdowski.

Here are some other facts about Hongkong's big fish: the big sharks generally weigh about 600 to 600 lbs, the smaller ones, 150-200 lbs. The sharks seen and caught off Hongkong are mostly harmless but there are Tiger sharks which are dangerous.

But if you think Hongkong waters are dangerous, Mr. T. Gorazdowski said this comforting message: "You can't compare our waters with those of Sydney, West Africa or the Red Sea."

Yesterday the China Mail asked Mr. Gorazdowski questions about the 'Monster' and big sharks sighted off Hongkong recently. Here is what he told us:

DIFFICULT TO SAY
"It's very difficult to say whether more sharks have been sighted this year than last year. If more have actually been sighted and caught it is only because there are more fishing boats and fishermen trying to catch them."

"There are three purely shark catchers operating off Hongkong and two more operating off Cheung Chau this year. They didn't catch these sharks close to the shore, either. Last year, only occasional catches were made."

Mr. Gorazdowski said there were no records the Fisheries Department could rely upon to give an accurate picture as to whether there were more sharks than usual this year or whether the sharks were generally any bigger this year than last year.

WATER MORE SALTY?
If there were more sharks closer in shore this year this might be because the weather had been extremely dry and the water more salty. If this was so the sharks could have been attracted closer in shore.

The big sharks sighted off Hongkong were generally between 500 to 600 lbs in weight whereas the smaller ones were generally 150-200 lbs. On the whole the sharks sighted and caught in Hongkong were mostly harmless (probably banking sharks), but he had seen several Tiger sharks and this species did exist here.

"They are dangerous," he said. "But you can't compare Hongkong waters with those of Sydney, the Red Sea or West Africa where sharks about in hundreds and thousands," he said.

Discussing the Ray fish, Mr. Gorazdowski said these were found all over the world. The smaller sting rays did not bite but had a spike tail which could inflict a painful—even fatal wound.

NOT DANGEROUS
The 'Junk Bay monster' he said was probably a Devil Ray or Giant Manta and these were enormous. Although they grew to about two tons, however, he thought the size of the ray which dragged Mr. Bruestlein's yacht, Bettina had been slightly exaggerated.

It was difficult to say whether they abounded in Hongkong waters in any numbers. Generally it was only by accident that a trawler caught them.

"However these big fellows are not dangerous. They don't bite and they don't have a poisonous spike like the smaller ones. They feed on plankton and small fish."

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THREE ASIAN NATIONS REJECT INVITATION TO SEATO TALKS

India, Ceylon And Indonesia Reply

Manila, Aug. 3. The Philippine Vice-President and Foreign Secretary, Mr Carlos Garcia, announced today that India, Ceylon, and Indonesia had formally rejected the Philippine invitation to attend the proposed American sponsored Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation Conference, tentatively set for the first week in September.

He added that the remaining Colombo powers, Pakistan and Burma, might also decline.

Mr. Garcia said that the Philippine Embassy in Washington was handling the preliminary negotiations for the conference.

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India Will Not Attend Nairobi Talks

Nairobi, Aug. 3.
India will be the only Commonwealth country not represented at the Commonwealth Parliamentary conference here on August 21, it was officially announced tonight.

Conference sources said this amounted to a "virtual boycott" of the conference by India.
Sir Howard Deville, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, who arrived here tonight, said the Indians had declined the invitation "because of an important Parliamentary session" this month. He described the decision as "very disappointing."

Conference sources said there were two reasons for India's refusal to send delegates: security forces breaking into the Indian Commissioner's office here last April and the fact that South Africa was a participant in the conference.

At the conference members of Parliament from 25 Commonwealth countries will discuss international affairs, common defence, Commonwealth co-operation and economic, financial and political matters.
The April incident referred to by conference sources occurred in the course of "Operation Anvil" — an anti-Mau Mau drive when men of the Kenya Regiment forced their way into the office of Mr Raj Krishna Tandon, India's Acting Commissioner. Mr Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, said at the time that India regarded the incident as of "a grave nature."

General Sir George Erskine, Commander-in-Chief in East Africa, and the then Acting Governor, Sir Frederick Crawford, apologised to Mr Tandon for the incident.
Sir Frederick Crawford also offered the Government's "humble apologies" to the Indian Government and agreed to pay compensation for damage caused by the troops.—Reuter.

The Associated Chambers of Manufacturers have announced they have asked the Minister for Trade and Customs for a tariff board enquiry into present tariff applying to these textiles. The Chamber's assistant director, Mr R. W. C. Anderson, said existing tariffs had lost their effectiveness owing to the domestic industry's higher costs which were now completely out of step with costs in other manufacturing countries.

Mr Anderson said manufacturers would show the tariff board that increases in the present duty rates of between 300 and 1,500 per cent were essential to preserve domestic industry. The main increase to be sought would be on woollen and worsted piece goods from six pence per square yard and 12½ to 22½ per cent ad valorem to five shillings per square yard and 33½ per cent ad valorem.—Reuter.

Rhee Asks For Justice

United Nations, Aug. 3.
The South Korean President, Dr Syngman Rhee, said here today "Some people say peace at any cost. I say justice at any cost."

Dr Rhee made the statement to the press during his visit to the United Nations headquarters. He also suggested that the United Nations Charter should be revised "so as to permit only the democratic nations to belong to the world organizations."

Dr Rhee, who was received by the United Nations Secretary General, Dr Dag Hammarskjöld, added that in his opinion, "only the democratic nations" should be members of the United Nations, which should punish the "nations behaving like gangsters".—France-Press.

ADVISORY GROUP FOR TAIWAN

Washington, Aug. 3.
Director of foreign operations Harold E. Stassen, at the request of the government of the Republic of China (Nationalists), has appointed a special economic advisory group to make a study of major aspects of the economy of Formosa.
The six-man group expects to arrive at Taipei on August 10. The group's study will deal with fundamental economic problems affecting Formosa. It will function in an advisory capacity to the Chinese government, reporting directly to Prime Minister of China O. K. Yui.—France-Press.

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This is one of a special series of pictures taken at Cop pins, Iver, Bucks, the home of the Duchess of Kent, of Her Royal Highness with her daughter, Princess Alexandra, who is making her debut this year. The young Princess, who has inherited much of her mother's beauty, has already made a hit with the public at the engagements so far carried out. The picture shows Princess Alexia's of pictures taken at Cop pins.—Central Press Photo.

Little Affection For Red Authors & Poets

Berlin, Aug. 3.
There is still, apparently, little sympathy between manual and intellectual "shock workers" in Communist-ruled East Germany in spite of official encouragement.

Not long ago, the trade unions complained that authors and poets did not visit factories. Now, the authors are complaining that when they do so, the workers turn their backs on them.

One author, Jan Koplowitz, cited two cases in an article in "Neues Deutschland", one of the leading Communist newspapers. The first case occurred at the J. V. Stalin works, a huge electrical equipment factory in East Berlin. The shop committee recently asked the author to give a lecture. One was appointed, discretion forbade Herr Koplowitz to name him. The shop committee put up posters and sent out 400 personal invitations to the workers, but the lecturer found only three shop stewards and a cultural official in the factory's great "culture hall." Communist party, trade union and youth movement officials at the same time crowded into another room of the building for a dance. Even worse was the fate of another author, appointed to address the workers at an unnamed radio equipment factory in East Berlin.

PROCLAIMED MARTYR
Dr Walter Pollatschek was invited to read from his book about a young West German Communist who was shot during a riot and has since been proclaimed a martyr in East Germany. Several letters were exchanged with the organizers, and they telephoned to him an hour before the appointed time to make sure that he was coming. Dr Pollatschek never got past the factory gate. The watchman would not let him in. Dr Pollatschek telephoned to a factory official, only to learn that the lecture had been cancelled at the last minute in favour of a variety show. East German authorities claim that they are doing all they can to make life easy and worthwhile for authors. A government survey this year said that the material situation of German authors had never been so favourable as it is today in East Germany.

No Papers In Cyprus

Nicosia, Aug. 3.
Eight and a half wing Greek editors decided here today to suspend publication of all leading newspapers for one week following the Government announcement yesterday of its intention to enforce the law against sedition. The decision was taken at a meeting of the editors this morning at which a committee was elected to study the possibility of extending the period of suspension.—France-Press.

PEAK INCOME

It cited Wolfgang Joho, author of the novel "The Road from Leningrad", which ran to two editions of 10,000 copies each, at DM 8.10 (about 13s. 6d). Joho, the survey said, received 12 per cent a total of 19,440 marks (about £1,620 sterling), on which he had to pay 14 per cent in taxes. This, the survey added, equalled peak incomes in administration, commerce, or science. The survey answered the question "Who is allowed to write in East Germany?" by saying that anyone who has time, talent and enthusiasm may do so. "The publication of a work depends entirely on whether a publisher will take it and whether the public will read it," it added. Therein lies the snag, for most East German publishing houses are either state-owned or state-controlled and the only works accepted are those approved by the firm Communist-dominated book committees. All literature considered likely to provoke war or hatred between races or nations is banned. The survey claimed that 6,261 titles, with more than 100,000 copies, were published in 1952. Thrillers and adventure stories are published provided that they do not glorify the crimes of gangsters or inhuman brutalities.—China Mail Special.

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'Reactionary' Plot

FIFTY PERSONS ARRESTED IN BOLIVIA

La Paz, Aug. 3.

Fifty persons, including the director of the United Nations technical aid programme here, have been arrested on suspicion of complicity in a "reactionary" plot against the government, it was officially announced today.

An Interior Ministry announcement said the plot against the government's National Revolutionary Movement (MNR) was inspired and financed by a multi-millionaire tin-mine owner, Carlos Victor Aramayo.

The announcement said these arrested included members of the Opposition Republican Socialist Union Party and the Bolivian Falange Party, some army officers and representatives of the "oligarchy". They are being questioned and will be brought to trial, the announcement said.

Among those arrested in La Paz were Alberto Crespo Gutierrez, who is in charge of the U.N. aid programme; Luis Ballavien Saracho, a lawyer and former director of the Bolivia Mining Bank; the former Interior Minister, Ciro Felix Trigo; Roberto Perez Pata and German Costa, lawyers.

Other arrests were made in the cities of Oruro, Tarija and Cochabamba. The former Interior Minister, Bernardo Navajas, was held at Tarija. Gustavo Molina, managing editor of the newspaper La Patria, was taken in Oruro.

The official announcement said the plotters used women to distribute funds for a planned uprising. At least two women were arrested.

Activities in La Paz went on as usual. Large groups of armed peasants appeared in the capital to attend the opening of the third inter-American Indian Congress. Most of the 21 American Republics, including the United States, are represented in the Congress.—United Press.

DUKE INSPECTS FACTORY

Kitchin, B.C. Aug. 3. The Duke of Edinburgh arrived here by air today from Kermanshah to inspect the factory of the Aluminium Company of Canada. He is to leave for Vancouver by air at 2310 GMT.—China Mail Special.

Tunisia-France Negotiations

Premier Submits Cabinet List

Tunis, Aug. 3.

Premier Tahar ben Amar of Tunisia tonight submitted a Cabinet list to the Bey for approval and all indications pointed to quick acceptance and early negotiations with France for home rule.

The 68-year-old middle-of-the-road Nationalist premier took just over 24 hours to put together a political team. He built his government, which will end a 47-day political vacuum in the North African protectorate, around fellow members of the Neo-Destour (now Independence) Party, informed sources said.

The composition was decided following weeks of negotiation.

Ben Amar, a wealthy land owner, was designated by the Bey, Sidi Mohammed el Amin, yesterday to head the Tunisian government. The Premier, once he has received the expected formal blessing of the Bey, will leave for France this month to begin the negotiation leading to the internal autonomy promised by M. Pierre Mendes-France.

France will keep control of the protectorate's foreign affairs and national defence. The difficult task for Ben Amar will be to draft special conventions for the 168,000 French who developed this North African waste into a thriving community.

A success

The speed with which the Tunisian nationalists formed the government was a success for M. Mendes-France, who asked that such action be taken immediately as the first step to a new deal for Tunisia.

The Resident-General, Pierre Boyer de la Tour, who attended a press conference given by the French Minister for Overseas Affairs, Andre Aron, said that the Tunisian government was a success for France.

M. Fouchet said the Tunisian government was a success for France. He said that the Tunisian government was a success for France.



A party of 100 foreign students—German, British, French and Italian—arrived at the Argosoli Cephalonic Island, Greece, recently to help in reconstruction work—for the island was badly damaged by an earthquake last year. They are staying for one month. Included in the party is Prince George of Hannover, brother of Queen Frederica of Greece, who is leading the party in the reconstruction work. The Prince is seen here wearing a dark shirt, as he gives instructions to the students as they work.—Express Photo.

Australia Wants Foreign Ministers At Conference

Washington, Aug. 4.

Diplomatic officials said today that Australia wanted the Foreign Ministers to attend the South-east Asia Treaty Organisation conference expected to be held in Baguio in the Philippines about the first week in September.

They understood that the United States, Thailand, and the Philippines subscribed to this policy and that New Zealand would certainly agree.

It appears, however, that the British Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, is not contemplating so far that the conference be held at the Minister level but apparently wants it to be at working level, these sources said.

They understood that Mr. Eden felt he had too much work to allow him to travel such distances as to the Philippines. However, they said, the Foreign Ministers of some of the other SEATO countries considered such a journey would be well worth while for Mr. Eden as it might help to give him a firsthand appreciation of Far Eastern affairs.

They claimed that in his career as Foreign Minister Mr. Eden has had few direct contacts with the Far East. The officials said these still was no agreement as to the date or place of the conference but the majority view of SEATO countries was that Baguio was the likely site and the first week in September the probable time.—United Press.

Americans Cancel Expedition

Exeter, N.H., Aug. 3. Cancellation of a scheduled American attempt to climb Mt. Gachwin Aungmye, conquered by Italian mountaineers, was announced here today by Dr. Charles A. Houston. Permission for the projected assault had already been granted by the Pakistani Government.

Dr. Houston paid the highest tribute to the Italian mountain climbing team. "They did a magnificent job, overcoming tremendous obstacles to get to the top."

He opined that mountain climbing should be a sport and a pleasure, not a "do or die" business.

Dr. Houston said the objective of his own small party was to enjoy the mountain first and reach the summit only if possible.—United Press.

Full Powers For Vietnam

Paris, Aug. 3.

The French government will shortly transfer to the Vietnamese government all the powers still held by the French authorities in accordance with Geneva agreements, well informed circles said here today.

Thus the transfer will soon take place to the Vietnamese authorities of the administration of the ports of Saigon and Haiphong, the care of lighthouses and beacons, civil airways and meteorological services, mixed courts, the control of financial exchange and transmitting.—France-Press.

CLIMBERS MISSING

Zermatt, Aug. 3.

Peter Kaighen, 29-year-old land agent from Shrewsbury, and his companion, believed to be Tony Lawson, are missing after a climbing expedition to the Matterhorn, it was learned here today.

Guides said they saw two people fall from the East face of the Peak last Thursday afternoon but search parties have failed to find any trace of an accident.

Kaighen and his companion should have returned to their Zermatt hotel last Friday. They had their passports with them.—China Mail Special.

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ISRAEL FOUND GUILTY

Jerusalem, Aug. 3.

The Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission today declared Israel guilty of the serious breaches of the armistice agreement with Jordan.

The commission described as an act of aggression the crossing by an Israeli force into Jordan town, some two and a half miles beyond the demarcation lines. The incident took place shortly after midnight on July and involved the death of a national guardman, the wounding of a policeman and the abduction of another.

Recalling a second count, the commission described as a hostile act Israeli mortar fire into Arab villages in the area of June 26. In the village across the demarcation line were claimed to have been damaged.—France-Press.

VIETMINH MAY CAPTURE U.S. EQUIPMENT

Washington, Aug. 3.

Senator Russell Long (Democrat, Louisiana) told the Senate today that the Communists in Indo-China might capture more than \$400,000 worth of new United States military equipment now piled on docks there.

Both Mr Long and Senator Allen Frear (Democrat, Rhode Island) urged quick efforts to salvage the equipment.

Mr Long used this argument to back his pending proposal to cut more than \$1,000 million from the \$3,110 million foreign aid bill.

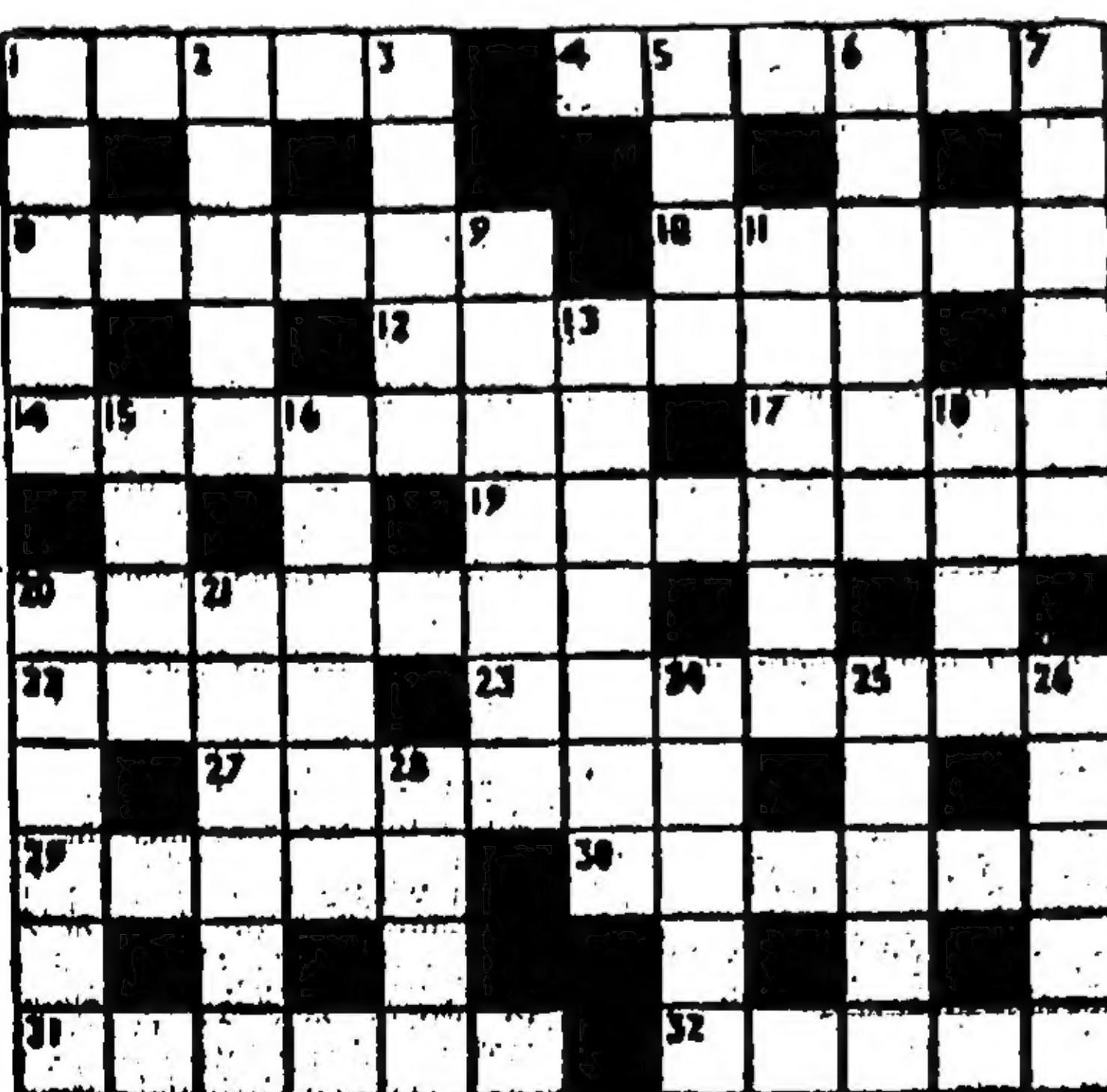
The Republican Senator today said that the Communists in Indo-China might capture more than \$400,000 worth of new United States military equipment now piled on docks there. He said that as high as \$450 million worth is piled on the docks in Hanoi still in the hands of the Communists. Senator Long repeated.

HAILE SELASSIE RETURNS

Addis Ababa, Aug. 3.

The Emperor of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie, returned to Addis Ababa today to a triumphal welcome by the flag bedecked city today, thus concluding his voyage to the United States, Canada, Mexico, Yugoslavia, and Greece, which began on May 19.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Mollified (5).
 4. Extreme fright (6).
 6. Looking-glass (6).
 10. Chief (5).
 12. Neither masculine nor feminine (6).
 14. Dora (7).
 17. Kili (4).
 19. Carried too far (7).
 20. Lilies (7).
 22. Heavy (7).
 23. Sweet to eat (7).
 25. Drive back (6).
 26. Swath (5).
 28. Stranding (6).
 31. Unmarried (6).
 32. Resemblance (5).
- DOWN**
1. Ape (5).
 2. Enchantress (8).
 3. Elder (5).
 5. Point of compass (4).
 6. Bellowed (6).
 7. Hinder (6).
 8. Bitter repentance (7).
 9. Severe headache (6).
 11. Say's bar (7).
 13. Woodwind instrument (4).
 15. Service (6).
 16. Healer (4).
 18. Badger (6).
 21. Thrush (4).
 24. On the move (5).
 27. Peace (5).
 29. Attempt (6).
 30. Ring out (4).

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE: Across: 1. Mollified, 4. Extreme, 6. Looking-glass, 10. Chief, 12. Neither, 14. Dora, 17. Kili, 19. Carried, 20. Lilies, 22. Heavy, 23. Sweet, 25. Drive, 26. Swath, 28. Stranding, 31. Unmarried, 32. Resemblance. Down: 1. Ape, 2. Enchantress, 3. Elder, 5. Point, 6. Bellowed, 7. Hinder, 8. Bitter, 9. Severe, 11. Say's, 13. Woodwind, 15. Service, 16. Healer, 18. Badger, 21. Thrush, 24. On the, 27. Peace, 29. Attempt, 30. Ring out.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

BORN today, you have one of those rare combinations of mind, intellect, emotion and business acumen which will take you a long way on the road to success. Your natural talents are many but need concentrated development to bring you the proper rewards. Your alert, quick and active mind is likely to

see ahead and know exactly what to do at just the right time. This ability to make a quick decision counts for much of your ability to succeed where others might fail. You have many of the elements of a dreamer—but are not content to sit back and do nothing but build castles in the air. You want to see your ideas become real. You have an uncanny faculty for knowing just when to act very much for members of the opposite sex, but if you were to be frank with yourself, you would admit that this is a bluff and not a very good one, either. You have a great deal of personal charm and, as a rule, your affections are always infusing what you do and think. Perhaps that is why you try to make yourself think that you always have them under control! Among those who were born on this date are: Margaret Queen Elizabeth of England, Russell Sage, philanthropist, Percy Bysshe Shelley, the poet, Knut Hamsun, author, Harry Lauder, comedian, Anita Harris, actress.

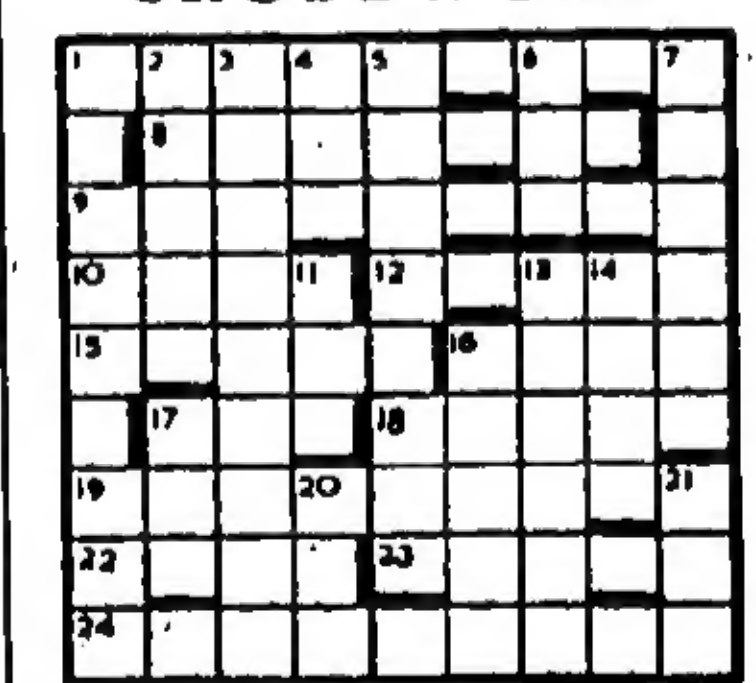
To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow's birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) If necessary, make more of an effort to get what you want. Emulate Robert Bruce's lesson of the spider. VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) Be friendly, romantic, is in the air for you if you are unattached. Remember your emotions with the real facts in the case. LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) You may wish to make future plans that involve practical matters with affairs of the heart. You can do it. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) There is a definite need for tact today. Mars is showing real teeth. Be cautious. All you undertake. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) Your health and great good fortune. Guard it well. Your future would depend upon what you do today. CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) Not the best day in the year for your best efforts. You are rather out of sorts. Wait patiently. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Although there are minor hazards today, you can circumvent them if you are astute and see them coming. PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Don't push anything to a decision, recklessly. The trend will be better for you a little later on.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) Daydreaming can consume a lot of valuable time. This is a day for action. Accomplish something important. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) One of those good days when almost anything you want can be yours. No one will stand in your way. GEMINI (May 22-June 21) A fine romantic day for you. Make or receive a proposal. It is well timed. May not be just a summer romance either. CANCER (June 22-July 23) Mental activity will be well-rewarded today. An exhibit your best ideas and follow them through with action.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Blast hole (tang.) (4, 5)
2. Hand up a French prince. (7)
3. Warren inhabitants often move into. (6, 8)
4. The wheel goes round this. (8)
5. Turn a penny threequarters of. (4)
6. Odd, isn't it that this should be cockney chess? (8)
7. The snail starts for a garter gets a postscript. (8)
8. Ancient Chinese ruler leader not off the windward side. (8)
9. Speak to identify the laundry? (4)
10. Saver the five out. (4)
11. District Attorney goes down to. (8)
12. Most of the 22 Acacia returns. (8)
13. Dred in three bits and. (8)
14. Know boots. (8)

Down
1. These coo on the feathered friends. (4, 5)
2. Robin of the song. (5)
3. That's a trip of a change. (5, 6)
4. The wheel goes round this. (8)
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SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

A CYNIC has said that if were sung to good music, most people would think they were listening to opera. I doubt it. Moombo: Thy little white hand, Elvira! Is it Popham's Lightning Gravy-Stain Remover? Elvira: Love of my heart, it is Blagmyre's Killgravi, which is twice as good. Let us meet by the old ruin tonight. Moombo: Together we will watch the stars— Elvira: And remove gravy-stains from our hands, thinking—

—Both: Thanks to Blagmyre's Killgravi!

Nothing to do with me

At a party at the Tate Gallery, I read, speeches could not be heard "because of the talking, and the banging of cutlery and glasses." At midnight some guests "were still there, amid waiters placing dirty dishes in a tin bath and carrying out enamel basins of peas." One of the guests "went back to his hotel, took off his hired coat, and ordered a meal. "It might have been the British Museum," commented a guest.

Oh, I say, look here!

The pilot who, in mid-Atlantic, noticed that his airliner was being followed closely by 104 colossal blue egg-shaped objects, leaned out and shouted to the leading object: "Where are you from?" "Saturn" came back the unexpected reply.

Out on the trail

EVER since a prolonged inquiry proved that back-

ward children learn less easily than "clever" children, I have been a noisy devotee of inquiries. I read that scientists are now conducting laborious searches to find out why people stay away from work. They will be at it for two years. But why scientists? Anybody under the canopy of Heaven could tell them in under five minutes everything they will say in their report—except that if fly-papers were made out of antaters' tongues, fly-paper operatives would find their work more interesting.

"Hush, Baroness, we are followed!"

It is difficult to know who is spying for whom.

YES, yes, is Mi Tin Tumi honestly pro-Burma? Is that Siren Fasilka Bakuvakab in the pay of the Jan Waturu Uptu or of Egypt's Blakmail? [Enter Kikhim, Nokskibokov, Kuitchar Taout, Sokkimonda Jorh, Smakur Ondakizka, Pishit Pharin, Smidrom Vidnik, Kokczuk, Aphulgratz, Hiyasnikka, Shomitha Wutugolom, Fooko Sokinit, and old Rub-ud-Dubdub.]

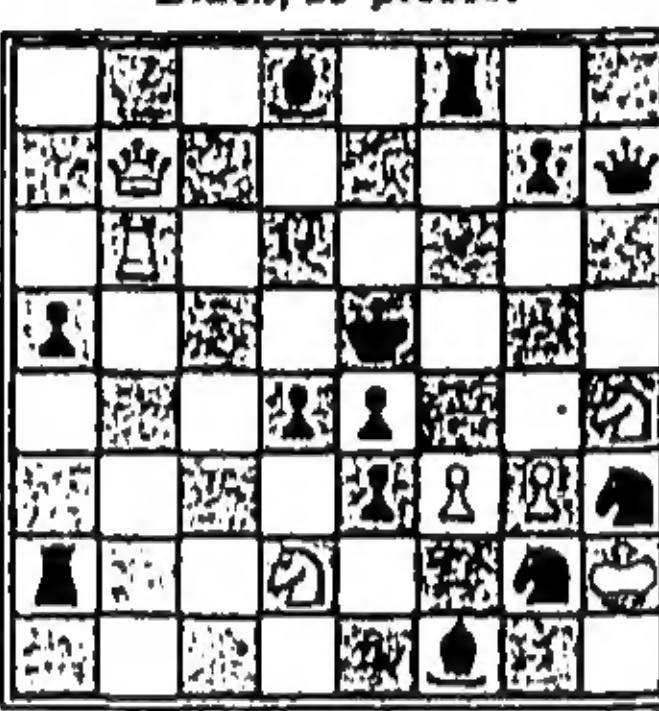
The old days are gone

"A slipper with champagne!" "Raiphi! You know perfectly well I'm wearing sandals."

"Damn!"

CHESS PROBLEM

By B. GIBRELLI
Black, 13 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-R4; threat 2. Kt-R2 (dis ch). 1... Kt-B3; 2. Kt-B2 (dis ch); 1... Q-Kt6; 2. Kt-KP (dis ch).

DUMB-BELLS



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

How Animals Travel

—They Go Long Distances by Sea and Air—

By MAX TRELL

"YOU would think," said General Tin the Tin Soldier to Knarf and Hand, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "that people are the only ones who travel long distances."

A Travelled Cat

"I knew a cat once," said Knarf, "who used to go all around the block and come back again."

"And I knew a dog," said Knarf, "who used to visit his dog-friends all the way at the other end of town."

Summer in Iceland

"You're wrong about Iceland being cold," said General Tin. "It's quite warm in the summer time, which is when my friend the duck always flew there. All

his children were born there, too. And in the autumn, the whole family flew back to Florida."

Unencumbered by Luggage

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Smart Stole For Autumn



By ALICE ALDEN

To ward off autumn breezes the fashion-right woman is apt to choose a lacy all-wool stole done with cobwebby laciness, exquisitely cloud-soft and generously made so that it can be dramatically draped for a smart effect. This beauty is done to those specifications and is in a pattern of tiny loops interspersed with rows of straight stitches in kitten-soft white wool. It's a good resort or shipboard item.

Household Hint

Stretch crocheted or knitted spreads to proper size and shape while still damp; hang over unheated lines to dry. It is usually best to wash, rinse and shake each spread separately.

Plastic spreads can be swabbed clean on the bed, using a soapy cloth.

SET A TIME LIMIT AND STICK TO IT

By Garry C. Myers, Ph.D.

MOST parents are familiar with the tears or tantrums of the child who can't have more "rides" or more stories, or must suddenly stop some happy activity.

The following letter illustrates. "Dear Dr. Myers: I realize that some of each day must be devoted to playing with or reading to your child. "My problem is that when I take time out to play with or read to our daughter, 2½, she will not let me stop, but insists I continue. My No's and explanations usually end the play-time in tears.

"I've tried taking only one book to read at bedtime, with the explanation that I'll only read it once, and then, some other time, I'll read others. But that also ends with her wanting me to read it again and again. Her crying usually ceases on a 9-month-old son, whose nap gives me the chance to play with her. What do you suggest I do?" Here in part is how I answered her.

First attack this problem by day while the baby is awake.

Always announce beforehand the exact number of stories you will read. Then observe this literally, no matter how much she pleads or cries.

It might be easier to name a time limit, and show her where the long hand will be when this time is up, even setting the clock to ring then. Don't try to win her by explaining the matter. The more you explain, the less she may be convinced.

Your present trouble has been that she knows she can force you to change your mind. She must learn there is an inexorable limit. Once she understands this, and you always announce the limit beforehand, this problem will soon disappear.

Dad may have a similar problem while playing with a small child if he suddenly ends

the fun. But if he announces, "Just two more times," for instance, and sticks to this, there will be little or no trouble. This definite announcement, if it is carried out, helps prepare the child emotionally for the end of the activity.

This same principle works well when you announce to stop playing outdoors that, in so many minutes, you will call him to come inside. Even if he can't easily estimate time, he

can prepare himself to some degree.

A related problem may arise much earlier, even when the baby is only a year old, when he tends to cry as you walk out of his sight, or stop amusing him. Set time limits for yourself then, even posting a schedule you will follow. Gradually, he will discover that his whining or crying does not to come inside. Even if he can't easily estimate time, he

NEVER LET YOUR COFFEE BOIL!

"WHAT a lovely smell of coffee!" may sound flattering to a housewife, but the good coffee-maker knows that the place for the aroma is in the cup, not dissipated into the air.

When I smell coffee making I know that the brew that I am about to drink will hold no joy for me. It will have the unpleasant bitterness of boiled tea.

The real secret of making coffee of any quality is never to let it boil.

Start with the best coffee you can buy.

Some people swear by a saucepan. Coffee should never touch base metal (only silver is safe), so, provided the pan is enamel and the water never boils, this method may be all right. But how can you bring water and coffee to the boil from cold without losing any of the flavour, I do not know. Still, it is recognised as a satisfactory way.

Other people prefer the drip method. It is good but extravagant. The coffee must be coarse, so more of it is needed. If the coffee is finer than the holes in the strainer, the liquid takes an interminable time to trickle through.

Coffee pushed through a filter paper is good coffee, but this, too, takes a longish time.

I have abandoned all these methods in favour of the oldest and simplest way of all—the jug. I have a straight-sided jug with a lid. In it I make what to me is the best coffee of all.

I half fill a saucepan with boiling water. I heat the jug with very hot water. Next I empty it and dry it, place four level measures (or four level tablespoons) of medium fine ground coffee in it and at once pour in a pint of boiling water. Immediately I put the lid on the jug and stand it in the saucepan over just sufficient heat to keep the water under boiling. Leave for seven minutes.

Now, though boiling water is poured on to the coffee, its temperature is instantly lowered because the jug is not at boiling point.

You therefore have the coffee bathing at a temperature of round about 210 deg. F. or less instead of 212 deg. F. The essential coffee flavour and aroma are retained. If you have never made coffee this way, I suggest that you try it now.

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Rupert and the Spring Chicken—16

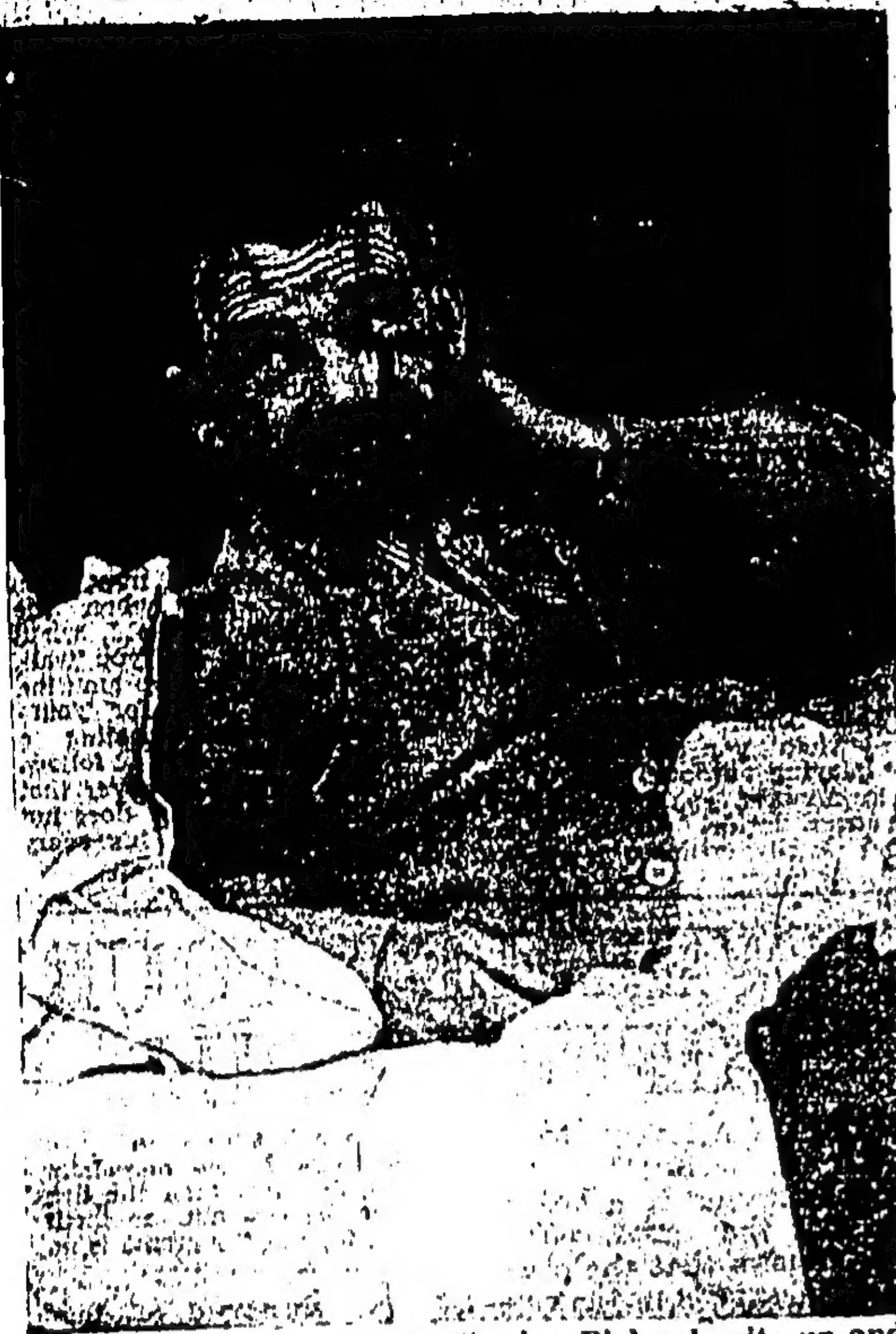


In a few minutes the bird returns with many others. "Please hurry," says Rupert. "The Spring Chicken is here!" "Certainly not!" answers the bird. "What does he know of such matters?" He may have a Spring Chicken, but he has never seen a real one.

Another New Adventure Just Arrived

RUPERT and the LOST RAILWAY

SIR GORDON SITS UP



Champion Jockey Sir Gordon Richards sits up and takes notice—in the garden of a Surrey hospital to which he was taken after a fracture and pelvis dislocation following a fall at Sandown Park Races recently. He hopes to be up in a week's time—and says that he will decide then whether or not he is to retire from racing.—Express Photo.

THREE VERY CLOSE GAMES IN OPEN SINGLES TOURNAMENT

Three very close Singles games, all won by one-shot margins, and a mild upset in the Pairs event featured the Colony Open Championship Lawn Bowls matches played yesterday.

Two Kowloon Bowling Green Club bowlers, A. L. G. Eastman and John Tindall, came out on the right side of the 21-20 scores in their games, but the third KBGC bowler, Bill Simpson, was just pipped by F. R. Kermani by the same score.

In all the three matches the winners were 19-20 behind on the last head, but secured a two each to win their games.

At the Hongkong Bowling Club green Eastman opened with a two against A. M. Omar. After conceding a three on the second head, Eastman struck a good patch on the next three heads. He gathered a four, a single and a two to lead by 9-3.

Omar retaliated with a single and a four to draw up to 8-9. Eastern chalked up his second four and the third four of the match on the eighth head.

Omar recovered with a three, but gradually fell behind to 11-18 and 15-19. At this stage Omar fought back strongly to score five shots in three successive heads to lead by 20-19. On the 19th and last head, Eastman completed the match with a two.

A closer-scoring game was seen at Recreation between F. R. Kermani and W. C. Simpson, where the score was tied on no fewer than four heads—2-2 on the second, 5-5 on the 7th, 14-14 on the 19th and 17-17 on the 22nd.

Except for two threes, both of which were scored by Simpson, scoring on the other heads was limited to singles or twos.

At the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, R. H. Browne started off promisingly by taking 6-0 lead after the first four heads. He forged ahead to 9-1 on the 6th head before Tindall, who acted as non-playing captain of the Hongkong Bowling Cup team last year, found his touch.

After opening his scoring, Tindall did not lose the jack till after seven successive heads when the score was 12-9 in his favour.

Browne recovered with a three, a two and another three to take over the lead at 16-12. At 15-20, Tindall staged a brilliant recovery which saw him gaining a three, a single and the final two to win the match by 21-20 on the 22nd head.

THE EMPIRE GAMES

CHRIS CHATAWAY BEATS FREDDIE GREEN, WINS THREE MILES TITLE

Empire Stadium, Vancouver, Aug. 3.

Chris Chataway of England, joint world record holder, won the Three Miles final, highlight of today's athletics in the British Empire and Commonwealth Games here.

Chataway won in the new Empire Games record time of 13 minutes 35.2 seconds. This was only three seconds outside the world record.

England took four of the first five places with Freddie Green, joint world record holder with Chataway, second, and Frank Sando third. Fourth was Nyandika Malyoro of Kenya; fifth, Peter Driver, Six Miles Gold Medalist, and sixth Geoff Warren of Australia.

Green clocked 13 mins. 37.2 seconds, and Sando 13 mins. 37.4 seconds.

The red-haired Chataway, pacemaker to the world's only two under four-minute Miles, thus turned the table on teammate Freddie Green, who had beaten him by inches when they jointly beat the world record in 13 minutes 32.2 seconds in the British Championships in London recently.

The first six home today all beat the old Empire Games record of 13 minutes 59.6 seconds set by C. H. Matthews, New Zealand, in 1938.

Chataway was well up all the way but did not move into the lead until he began his final burst with half a lap to go. Putting in a terrific finish, he won easily by 20 yards.

880 FINAL

England also dominated the Men's 880 Yards final, providing the first three men home.

Young Derek Johnson broke the Games record by winning in one minute 59.7 seconds.

Brinn Hewson was second in one minute 51.2 seconds and Ian Boyd third in one minute 51.9 seconds. Fourth was Bill Baillie (New Zealand); fifth Rich Ferguson (Canada); and sixth, J. S. Hamilton, Scotland.

The Men's Discus final was won by South Africa's Stephen du Plessis with a throw of 169 feet 7½ inches, which is a new Games record.

Second was Roy Pella of Canada with 162 feet 6 inches, and third Mark Pharaoh of England with 161 feet 11½ inches.

Fourth was Stan Rakke, Canada, and fifth Hywell Williams, Wales.

WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP

Northern Ireland gained their second medal when Thelma Hopkins won the Women's High Jump title with a leap of 5 feet 6 inches—a new Empire Games record.

Dorothy Tyler of England was second (5 feet 3 inches); Alice Whaley, Canada, third, also 5 feet 3 inches; and Sheila Lerwill, England (world record holder) fourth.

Fifth place went to Carmie Bernoth, Australia, and Noeline Swinton, New Zealand, both equal.

Ken Wilshurst gained England's third medal in athletics when he won the Hop, Step and Jump. He leaped 50 feet 1½ inches. Peter Esiri, Nigeria, was second with 50 feet 1½ inch and Brian Oliver, Australia, was third with 49 feet 8¼ inches.

SWIMMING RECORDS

Miss Lorraine Crapp, 15-year-old Australian winner of the women's 110 Yards Free Style swimming Gold Medal, set another Games record today when she qualified for the final of the Women's 440 Yards Free Style with a time of five minutes 17.9 seconds.

This beat the old record of five minutes 20.4 seconds set by South African Joan Harrison in 1950. Miss Harrison's record was first beaten tonight by 14-year-old South African Maggie Petzer, who won the first heat to qualify in five minutes 23.4 seconds.

Records continued to be broken in the swimming. Graham Johnson, South Africa, set a new mark in the men's 440 Yards Free Style when he won his heat in four minutes 46.1 seconds. This beat the previous record of four minutes 40.4 set by D. G. New of Australia in 1950.

The old record was also beaten by Australia's Gary Chapman.

winner of the second heat, in four minutes 47.9 seconds, and the third heat winner, Jack Wardrop, Scotland, in four minutes 47.1 seconds.

FENCING

England took first and second places in the Women's Individual Foil Championship final.

The Gold Medal was won by the holder, Mrs Mary Glen Hing, with six wins.

Miss A. G. M. Harding, Wales, third with three, Mrs Joanne Gilbert, Canada, fourth with three, Miss M. A. Kimber, Australia, fifth with two and Miss A. J. Francis, New Zealand, sixth with one.

John Landy of Australia and Murray Halberg of New Zealand withdrew from the British Empire Games Three Miles race today saying they would concentrate on the Mile, heats of which are to be run on Thursday with the final on Saturday.

Reuter.

Australia's Mrs Marjorie Jackson-Nelson, competing in the 100 Yards Sprint Cycling, won the Games record for the women's 229 Yards today by winning her heat in 24.3 seconds.

Two athletes withdrew from today's British Empire Games track and field events because of injuries, officials announced.

They were Alan Lillington of Heat 1, who dropped out of the 100 Yards Sprint, and Kenneth Box of England, who withdrew from Heat 3 of the 220 Yards.

The athletes strained themselves on Saturday and hope to compete on Thursday, the Games officials said.—United Press.

HEAVY PROGRAMME Today's programme is the heaviest of the Games so far.

athletics, swimming, cycling, fencing, and weightlifting. Finals were due to be decided in all sports except rowing.

Only final in the swimming is the Women's 330 Yards Medley Relay.

The semi-finals and final in the 1000 Metres Sprint Cycling were due to be decided while an individual Women's Foil Championship came from the fencing.

An hour before the track and field programme was due to start it began to rain fast. The sky was overcast with a light wind.

Though the track men were not particularly worried as the rain might improve the track by binding, field athletes were likely to find conditions difficult while the cyclists feared their evening programme might be curtailed.

POINT STANDINGS

Vancouver, Aug. 3.

The unofficial British Empire Games team standings, going into the third day of competition, based on a 10-5-4-3-2-1 distribution of points for the first six finishers are as follows:

Country	Points
Australia	101
England	85
South Africa	62
Canada	55
Trinidad	33
New Zealand	23
Nigeria	17
Northern Rhodesia	17
Pakistan	8
Jamaica	7
Wales	7
Uganda	6
British Guiana	4
Hongkong	2
Scotland	1

—United Press.

Hongkong Finish Fourth In Pairs Tourney, Ninth In The Singles

Vancouver, Aug. 3.

Hongkong, represented by Eric Liddell and Raoul da Luz, finished fourth in the British Empire and Commonwealth Games Lawn Bowls Pairs tournament here today, which was won by Northern Ireland.

Hongkong won five of the nine matches played for a total of 10 points while Northern Ireland had 16 points, and Canada, second, 12 points.

In the Singles, Hongkong, represented by Jose da Luz, finished ninth with four points from two wins.

Rhodesia won the Gold Medal—first for this event with a total of 16 points when Ralph Hodges today beat Jack Fairburn of Northern Rhodesia by 21-15.

Hongkong won both the Singles and Pairs in the ninth and final round today. Jose da Luz beating Robert Luing of Scotland 21-11, and Eric Liddell and Raoul da Luz beating George Budge and John Carswell of Scotland 21-17.

FINAL ROUND RESULTS Results in the final (single) round of each event were:

Doubles

Hongkong (Eric Liddell and Raoul da Luz) defeated Scotland (George Budge and John Carswell) 27-15.

Northern Ireland (Percy Watson and William Rosbotham) beat Australia (Dave Long and J. L. In) 26-20.

Canada (Sam Gardner and Picky Williams) defeated England (Edwin Bateman and Tom Stewart) 19-16.

Northern Rhodesia (John Milligan and Alan Rae) defeated Southern Rhodesia (Alan Bradley and Ronnie Turner) 26-12.

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YORKSHIRE WIN BATTLE OF THE ROSES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE WAR

London, Aug. 3.

Yorkshire's first victory over Lancashire since the war enabled them to improve their position at the head of the County Championship cricket table in the series of games which ended today.

None of their near rivals managed to get full points. Derbyshire (second), taking first innings points in the rain-spilled game with Warwickshire (third), were beaten, though Middlesex salvaged first innings points before losing to Sussex.

Surrey (sixth), who defeated Nottinghamshire, now join Middlesex to share fourth place with 120 points, but Surrey have a game in hand. Yorkshire have 154 points from 22 games.

Derbyshire (130 from 20) still stand in a favourable position with the leaders, Warwickshire (128 from 22), while just behind Middlesex (played 21) and Surrey (played 20) with their 120 points are Nottingham (110 from 22).

Somerset linger at the foot but slightly closed the gap with Essex by taking first innings points against Gloucestershire and with 32 points have played three fewer games than Essex (48 points from 23 matches).

Johnny Wardle failed to show the form which gave him the season's best bowling figures—nine for 25—yesterday, but here Yorkshire showed their bowling worth, for Bob Appleyard, off-spinner for the Australian tour, rattled the Lancashire batsmen with seven for 33 in 23 overs.

APPLEYARD'S 3 FOR 1

Wardle took the first wicket of the day but it was mainly the spell of three for one run in 15 deliveries by Appleyard, which cost Lancashire 140 by wickets for the addition of only 17 to their overnight score, that won the game.

Nunesakes but unrelated. Syd Smith and Colin Smith had a sixth wicket stand for 47 in an hour, but once they

Liberation Shield Match On Sunday

The second match for the Liberation Shield is scheduled to take place at Cox's Path, commencing at 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 15.

Interested bowlers of the respective Clubs are requested to communicate with their Bowls Convenors as early as possible.

were parted the Lancashire toll offered little resistance and Yorkshire were victorious, for the first time since the war, 15 minutes after lunch. Lancashire sportingly played on in a drizzle at the end.

Nottinghamshire beat near neighbours Leicestershire at home for the first time in 15 years and it was spin bowling which was responsible. Braden's five for 54 today gave him match figures of 10 for 114, while 19-year-old Wild claimed three for 27 today with his off-spinners.

The last seven wickets fell for 47, and Andrew, who is in the Australian tour, at second wicket-keeper, broke a county record which has stood for 41 years when he dismissed Jackson, his 22nd stumping of the season. He later made it 23.

Stephenson of Somerset had eight victims behind the stumps during the drawn match with Gloucestershire. He also hit 72 for once out, while Lawrence scored 129 without being dismissed in either innings and this pair played a big part in the game. At the same time, Gloucestershire hardly gave Somerset much chance when leaving them only 205 minutes to score 332 and they were 109 behind with four wickets left when stumps were drawn.

RAIN AGAIN

Rain was so bad at Swansea, Worcester and Birmingham that the games Glamorgan-Pakistan, Worcestershire - Essex and Warwickshire-Derbyshire could not be continued today, all being left drawn.

Kent collapsed in trying to force the pace against Hampshire, seven wickets falling for 50 runs, and they were all out for 212. But Hampshire were never in sight of making the necessary 261 runs in 200 minutes. They lost six wickets for 119 and then a stubborn unbroken stand of 63 by Raymond and Salisbury held up Kent and enabled Hampshire to save the game.

After gaining first innings points against Sussex Middlesex ran into trouble, chiefly from Oakman's off-spinners. Five wickets fell for the addition of 74 before lunch and the innings closed soon afterwards for 147.

This left Sussex plenty of time to hit 173 runs for victory. David Sheppard (70) and John Langridge (65) hit most of them in an opening three-figure stand and Sussex skated home with eight wickets and half an hour to spare. —Reuter.

Major League Baseball

Detroit, Aug. 3.

Southpaw Billy Hoelt kept the Detroit Tigers in fourth place in the American League today with a five-hit, 2-0 shut-out over the Washington Senators before 3,082 fans at Briggs Stadium.

Hoelt walked only one batter and struck out five as he recorded his sixth triumph against 11 setbacks. The victory stretched Detroit's fourth place edge over the challenging Senators to a game and a half.

Ray Boone drove in both of the Tigers' runs. His first inning roller to shortstop sent Harvey Kuenn home from third. Boone hit his 15th homer of the season into the lower left field seats in the sixth inning for the fourth time.

Chuck Stobbs, another left-hander, was charged with his seventh loss against six wins. He gave up seven hits and two walks in the seven innings he worked. It was the only afternoon game.

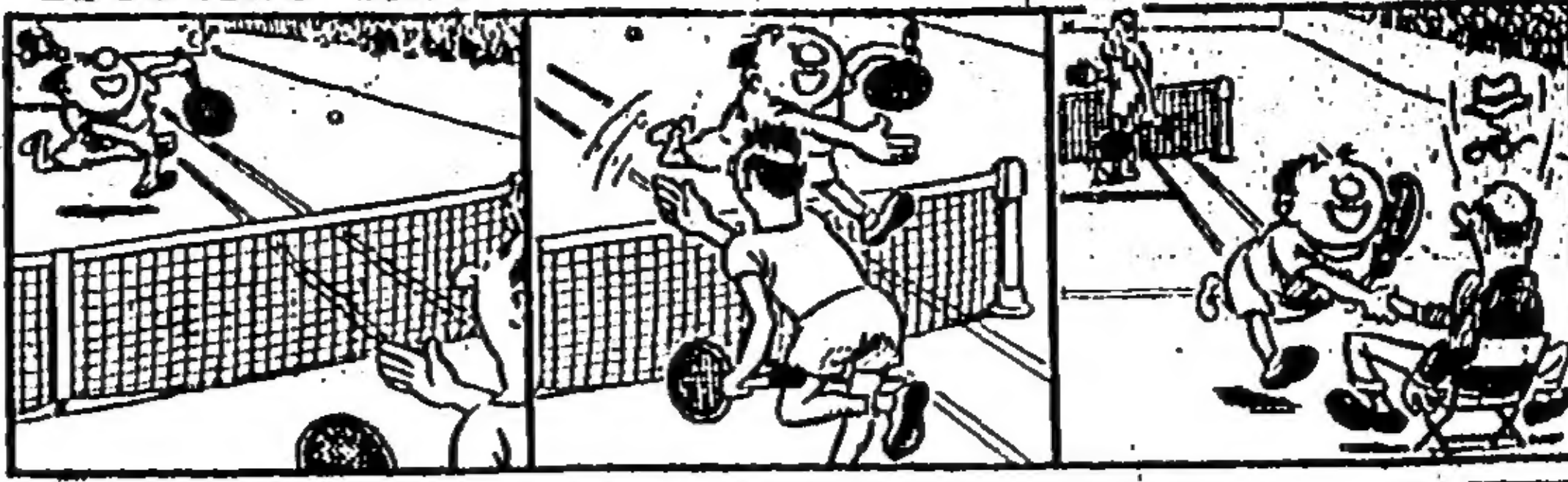
The scores were:

American League			
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Washington	0	5	0
Detroit	2	7	0

—United Press.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Who'd Want To Be A Test Captain?

By FRANK ROSTON

They were sympathising last week with David Sheppard, Len Hutton's only rival, because he is not to captain the MCC in Australia.

But does he know what headaches he has missed? There is a vastly different side from the external glamour—and that is why many professionals in the past were well content to leave the job to amateurs whose living did not depend on their play.

He was dealing with complaints from the West Indian authorities. Shoals of letters, some of them abusive, and most of them posing requests or problems, were being dumped before him every day.

Len would not have been human if he had remained unshaken. He lost his grip of the Test in Bridgeport and even for the first time in my experience with him on tours of South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and West Indies—lost his temper through the barracking of the crowd, and got himself out.

How Hutton continued to make runs during the tour still mystifies me. And of course he won through in the end as a captain, with his wayward team finally pulling 100 per cent behind him.

But when he lost his batting form at home this summer and had his worst ever "trot" with the bat, those of us who had watched the mental battering he had received in the Caribbean could diagnose it immediately.

The Australia tour, as Len knows from two previous tours as an ordinary "pro," poses strenuous problems of a different type.

But if Len could take that West Indies tour, he can take anything.

A TASTE This time he must have a team manager—it is still possible there may be two—who has the personality and authority to take all the off-

load. In the 13th minute Chan Kar-sau scored for the visitors. —France-Press.

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HKAAA ANNUAL MEETING

The Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association's programme for the 1954-55 season, consisting of ten meets from November 11 until April 3, 1955, was tabled and passed at the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Association held at the Conference Room of the Education Department, yesterday.

In an effort to de-centralise the organisation of the meets, the HKAAA has put three of the ten into the care of three affiliated associations—SCAA, Army and RAF.

The Hon. Kwok Chan, President of the Association, said in his opening speech: "I am sure we are all very grateful to know that the Association has passed through another successful year."

"The degree of success is, I may say, above that of previous years in that not only have we seen our athletes bettering many Colony records, but we have also had the satisfaction to have been able to send two representatives, Stephen Xavier and Chan Wai-chuen, to the Asian Games."

"Xavier claimed the distinction to have gained the only medal for Hongkong by securing third place in the 200 metres race."

"We all know that of the many different forms of sporting activities in this Colony, track and field events had in the past been unable to claim its fair share of interest from the public."

"I am glad to say that in the more recent years through efforts of our officers, members and active participants, public interest in track and field events has been considerably aroused. I am sure that we are all very pleased to see that the public is taking a much greater interest in the activities of this Association, as evidenced by the large attendance at track and field meets."

"I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Donohue, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the other members for having so successfully carried out their duties during the past year. I would also like to thank our Honorary Life Members, and other Honorary Members who though not actually engaged in administration, have yet shown very active interest in the work of the Association. Last but not least the ordinary members and our athletes to whom we owe a deep sense of gratitude for their untiring support."

"It was only due to this spirit of co-operation in which every individual played his part—and played it well to turn it into a most valuable contribution—that this Association has been able to record another successful year."

"It has been an honour to have been your President for the past year and I would say it has been a great pleasure for me to share the glory of your achievements, especially when all the hard work was done by the Chairman and his Executive Officers and every one else except myself."

Mr. P. Donohue, Chairman, said that Mr. Chan had served as a very capable President of the Association, and had given every bit of help he could.

He gave a vote of thanks to Lt. Colonel O.G.W. White, Vice-President, for his assistance while in Hongkong. It was a pity, he said, that Col. White could not stay permanently as he had helped the Association tremendously.

Mr. Donohue in conclusion thanked the colleagues he had worked with during the year for the co-operation they had given him.

THE PROGRAMME The following is the programme for the 1954-55 season: Nov. 7, Novices, Boundary Street. Nov. 28, Ten Mile Road Race, KGV School. Dec. 12, Open Meeting. Dec. 19, Cross Country Championships. Jan. 10, 1955, Invitational Meeting, Caroline Hill. Feb. 6, Pentathlon, Caroline Hill. Feb. 7, Decathlon, Caroline Hill. Feb. 27, Quadrangular, Boundary Street. March 26 and 27, Colony Championships, Government Stadium or Caroline Hill. April 3, Combined Civilian Services versus Combined Services, Kai Tak.

OFFICIALS Following are the officials elected for the ensuing year: the Hon. Kwok Chan (President); Major E. R. Paterson (Vice-President); Mr. P. Donohue (Chairman); Mr. Raleigh S. M. Leung (Vice-Chairman); Mr. J. Kirkwood (Hon. Secretary); Mr. H. G. Azomo (Hon. Treasurer); and Mr. V. V. Kolatchoff (Hon. Recorder).

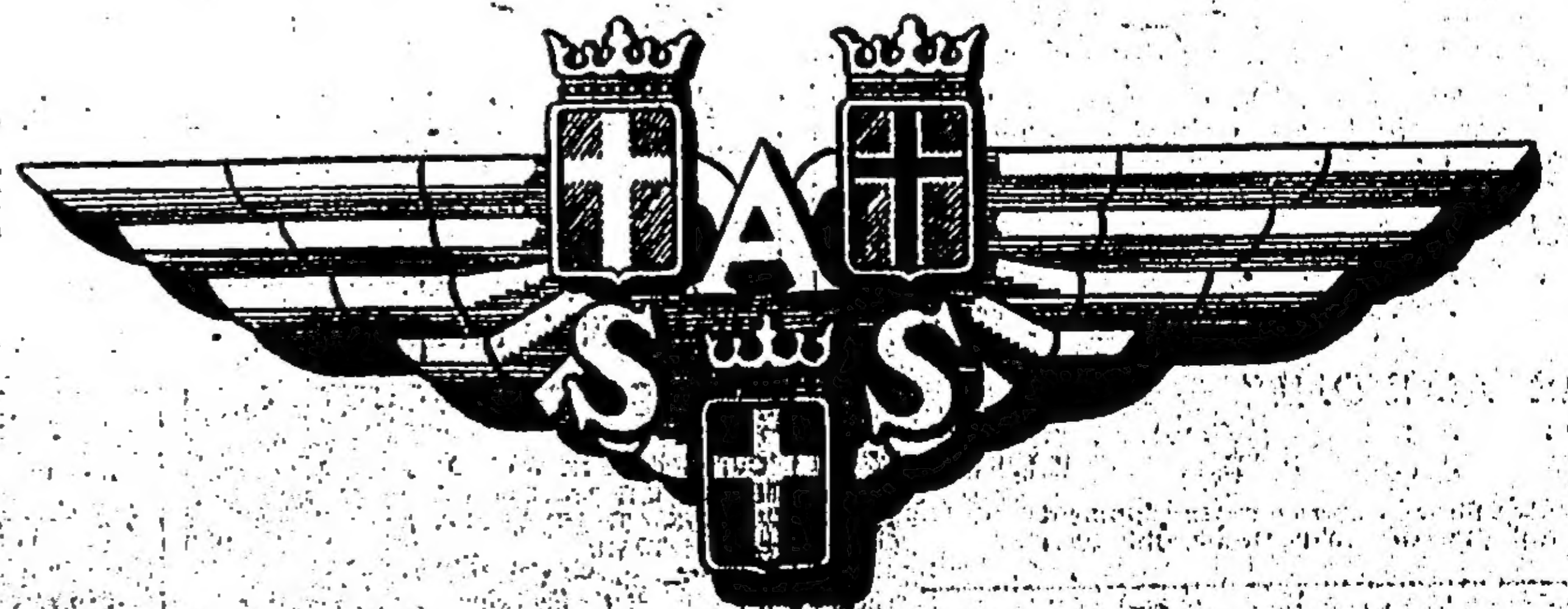
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U.S. WATCHING RUBBER NEGOTIATIONS

Washington, Aug. 3.

The United States Government's Mediation Conciliation Service was today keeping a close watch on wage negotiations between Rubber Workers Union and the American big four rubber manufacturers.

A spokesman for the service said there was no move at the moment for the mediation agency to step into negotiations which were continuing between the rubber union, an affiliate of the congress of industrial organizations, and representatives of Goodyear Tyre and Rubber, Firestone Rubber, Goodrich Rubber and United States Rubber companies.

"The negotiations are being kept under close watch," the spokesman said. "All parties are in constant meetings trying to settle their problems."

The agency, he added, preferred to let them work out their problems without its help.

The rubber union was also currently conducting negotiations with other rubber companies including General Tyre

ONE STRIKE

Only one strike was in progress now, the Conciliation Service spokesman reported, and that was in the tire factories of the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company.

Goodyear had offered a five-cent an hour raise, but the union held out for seven-and-a-half cent an hour and some 23,000 Goodyear workers walked out on July 8.

The rubber workers were also seeking an additional increase of four-and-a-half cent an hour for Goodyear factories at Gadsden, Alabama, and Topeka, Kansas, where it claimed the wage level in those two factories was below the national standard.

The Goodyear strike evolved from a "wage reopening clause" which permitted the union to seek wage increases during the life of the present union company contract. Among the big four companies, only the Goodrich contract had expired—on July 25—but the Goodrich workers had not been called out because negotiations were continuing.—Reuter.

Nationalists' New War Cabinet

Taipei, Aug. 3.

A new "war cabinet" has taken over the governmental reins in Nationalist China charged by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek with getting his armies back on the China mainland.

As a whole Chiang's new lieutenants are younger, experienced in a wide range of economic, educational and governmental fields but somewhat lacking in savvy for the rough-and-tumble manner of high level Chinese politics. The cabinet is entirely Kuomintang.

Gone is the last remnant of the K. C. Wu group. These have been carefully weeded out but a strong pro-American sentiment remains on the official level at least.

Here is a brief rundown of the man who will help Chiang run Nationalist China during the next six years, unless they are sooner relieved:

Vice-President Chen Cheng—This 57-year-old ex-soldier and ex-Premier is one of the most highly respected men in China today. His honesty and character is never questioned, a rare thing in gossip-loving China. He is a hard, efficient man and dedicated to the Generalissimo. He has warned that another three to five years will see all chances of invading the mainland swing away in the growing power of Red China.

O.K. YUI

Premier O. K. Yui—He is the young, dynamic man who took over from K. C. Wu the job of Governor of Formosa and did well at it. There are some who say he does not have the experience to handle the many-sided Kuomintang-controlled Government. But they said the same thing when he took over as Governor and he proved them wrong. He is a good talker, speaking fluent English and bubbles over with energy.

Vice-Premier S. K. Huang—A 53-year-old ex-journalist who graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science. A member of the Kuomintang Central Committee, he once served under

Chen Cheng as Secretary-General of the Cabinet.

Secretary-General Chen Ching-yu—A veteran administrator at 54, he made his record during the Sino-Japanese war serving in the Sun Min Chu Youth Corps. He has been Secretary-General of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Vice-Minister of Finance.

GEORGE YEH

Foreign Minister George Yeh—One of the few holdovers from the last cabinet, Yeh is 50 years old, educated at Amherst in Mass., and Cambridge in England. He is a former professor of English and a noted author. He has a long record of diplomatic service behind him and has ridden out repeated government crises to remain in his job.

Defence Minister Yu Tse-wai—A Harvard University and Berlin University graduate, he calls himself a "technician" holding degrees in mathematics, physics, astronomy and military science. Active in the war setup since 1944, he has helped pioneer the setting up of Chinese armaments with Western equipment.

Education Minister Chang Chi-yun—An author, native of Chekiang Province and noted educator, he is 53 years old. Once held the posts of Information Minister and KMT Secretary-General.

ECONOMIC MINISTER

Minister of Economic Affairs K. F. Yin—At 50, he has worked with Chinese financial problems since 1938. He has held the post as General Manager of the Central Trust of China.

Justice Minister Ku Feng-hsiang—A long-time Kuomintang member he is a native of Chekiang Province and educated in Chinese schools. He is a trained lawyer and legislator.

Communication Minister Yuan Shou-chien—A graduate of the first class of famed Whampoa Military Academy he is 50. He has served in the Political Training Department, the National Military Council and has been Vice-Minister of National Defence since 1950.

Controller-General Pang Shung-chou—Another who survived the reshuffling, he was former Vice-Minister of Food and has a long record with the Ministry of Audit. He is 60.

OVERSEAS AFFAIRS

Overseas Affairs Chang Yen-fang—Based in France he was member of the Secretariat of the League of Nations. With a long record of Foreign Service he is charged with the important task of weeding the overseas Chinese millions closer to the Nationalist cause.

Mongolian Affairs Liu Lien-kok—a native of Mongolia his life has been spent managing the affairs of that distant province which Nationalist China claims.

Man behind the scenes—General Chiang Kai-shek, the elder son of the Generalissimo, heads the General Political Department of the Ministry of National Defence. His power is enormous and he is the one from whom most will probably be asked in the new cabinet.

U.S. Will Use Woomera

Canberra, Aug. 3. United States guided missiles are to be tested on Australia's Woomera desert range before the end of this year. It was learned here today in official circles.

The Australian Bureau of Aeronautics stated that guided missiles would be tested at Woomera in a series of tests. The tests will be conducted by the U.S. Air Force and the Australian Bureau of Aeronautics. The tests will be conducted in the Woomera desert range, which is one of the most isolated areas in Australia.

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Our Weekly Aviation News



This picture shows the DH 110 day and night jet fighter in flight.—Express Photo.

All-Weather Fighters For R.A.F. And Fleet Air Arm

The Fleet Air Arm and the Royal Air Force have settled for different all-weather fighters. The Navy decided on the DH 110, the prototype of which "blew up" with John Derry at the controls at Farnborough two years ago. Gloucester's Javelin was selected by the R.A.F.

Bomber Command have been giving the Canberra most exhaustive flight tests and in 25 days one plane has covered 156,000 miles. The Napier 1100 turbo-prop engine, although not revolutionary in design, has some remarkable features which will interest designers. The first Trans-Australia Airlines Viscount has been christened and is almost ready for service.

The first faster-than-sound squadron is being prepared by the Fleet Air Arm with the de Havilland DH 110 two-seater all-weather fighter. Work was held up on this plane when test-pilot John Derry and his observers were killed. It is powered by two Rolls-Royce Avon jet engines.

The R.A.F. is due to get its first all-weather fighter within the next few days.

It is the supersonic Delta-winged Javelin, powered by two Armstrong Siddeley Sapphire jet engines.

The first Javelin prototype flew in November 1951. Three more prototypes have flown since. Two have been destroyed in crashes. Now comes the news that the first production plane has come off the line.

It will need a few test flights for checks and adjustments. When the Javelin is put off test, it will be taken over by the R.A.F. This should be in a day or two.

From now on Javelins should be produced at regular intervals at an increasing rate.

And there will be no doubt that the R.A.F. will welcome a replacement for its Meteors and Venoms.

Cat's-Eye

With its "cat's eyes radar" and four large-bore cannons, the Javelin will be the plane to intercept and destroy the enemy hundreds of miles out to sea.

The Swifts, and particularly the all-weather fighters, are not likely to have the same to do this. Not without external drop tanks which usually restrict the range.

The Javelin, with its enormous "thick wings" should not suffer from this problem. And its makers have said it has a long range.

Note: American sources put the cost of the Javelin at £150,000 to £180,000.

In 25 days of intensive test flying, a photographic reconnaissance Canberra of R.A.F. Bomber Command flew 156,000 miles, equal to six and a half times round the world or more than half-way to the moon.

The object of the test, an Air Ministry official said, was to test the Canberra's engine, the most sensitive under the most demanding

operational conditions, in the shortest possible time.

The Canberra flew 300 hours in 25 days—equal to 12 hours a day.

Canberra No. WH 796, belonging to No. 542 Squadron, commanded by Squadron Leader D. J. Carruthers, A.F.C., was selected for the trials.

Four crews were chosen and they worked in shifts. The four pilots—Squadron Leader Carruthers, Flight Lieutenant D. J. Carruthers, A.F.C., and T. W. Onkey, A.F.C.

They flew the Canberra, the latest "P.R." version of the Canberra jet bomber, round and round Britain, bounded by the airfields at Kinross on the Moray Firth, St. Eval, Cornwall, and Munster, Kent.

The Canberra flew at over 40,000 feet and was in the air seven days a week. The flying crew and the mechanics gave up holidays so that the test could be kept going. One day the Canberra was in the air for more than 18 hours.

Air race winner

The new P.R. Canberra is developed from the P.R.3 which won last year's London to New Zealand air race.

When the Canberra's engines were taken out, they were found to be in such good condition that it was decided to extend the tests another 100 hours. During the whole trial no replacements were required.

The crews said afterwards that they experienced a sensation of loneliness in the air. They seldom saw another aircraft and mostly the ground was obscured.

Technical details of a new British turbo-prop engine, the Napier 1100, have just been released. It has a remarkably low weight compared with the power which it develops, but its most surprising feature is the compression ratio of seven to one. This is achieved in ten stages, the axial compressor giving the highest performance per stage of any gas turbine engine announced so far. The reduction gear is capable of withstanding considerable overloads, but at the same time has a low noise level.

Dry weight

The 1100 has a net dry weight of 1,575 lb. and develops 3,000 chp./ft. total thrust area is only 7.1 sq. ft. and the fuel consumption is low, making the engine suitable for both civil and military aircraft. It can be used satisfactorily with either kerosene or wide-cut fuel.

Further development is being carried out in a twin-engine version, the Napier 2200, which is hoped will fly with the new engine at the BEACON

play in September. An interesting application of the engine will be its use in the new Fairey Rotodyne helicopter. This should be flying in about two years' time, and is designed to carry 40 passengers at speeds higher than is possible with a conventional helicopter. The high speed of the Rotodyne is derived from the use of traction air screws for cruising.

Every year in Australia there is a great increase in passenger traffic which starts about Christmas time, and Trans-Australia Airlines hope to have a new fleet in service in time to meet the rush. Six Viscounts, the first of which was christened at Burn last week, will be replacing piston-engined Comets 240 airliners. The latter are now five or six years old. The Viscounts will be the first turbo-prop airliners to go into service anywhere in the world outside Europe, and their performance in Australia will therefore be watched with great interest, particularly as another Australian company, Butler Air Transport, has also ordered two.

The last of the six airliners to be delivered to TAA will be the first Viscount equipped with auxiliary long-range fuel tanks. These will increase the tank capacity from 1,720 to 1,980 gallons. The same aircraft will also be fitted with a new mark of Dart engine, the 506, which will give the aircraft 18 m.p.h. more cruising speed, combined with lower fuel consumption, and a consequent reduction in operating costs.

34 delivered

Thirty-Four Viscounts have now been delivered out of a total of 101 ordered. It is expected that contracts will be signed before long for the construction of a further twenty aircraft at least.

TAA is Australia's national airline, and was originally financed from Commonwealth funds. Since 1946 it has carried more than four million passengers (equivalent to half the population of Australia) without a single fatal accident.

TAA calculates that, using the new aircraft, it will be possible to improve on the payload carried by the present piston-engined airliners by 25% on the Melbourne-Sydney route. There will be a time saving too, in the region of 10%, but operating costs will be about the same, so that the company's economic position will be substantially improved, due to the increased payload.

After the recent maiden flight of the Boeing 707, the transport prototype flying test pilot Johnson reported that the aircraft "wanted to climb like a rocket" and said: "We had to shut the back to keep within the prescribed limits for a full night." Johnson's report was a tribute to the power of the jet engine, which was reached 10 minutes after take-off.

State Department Favours Aid To Indo-China

By Sydney S. Campell

London, Aug. 3.

Washington is saying that buttressing S.E. Asia will mean a new drain of foreign aid. The truce brings some savings on arms aid to French and Vietnam forces but plans are being made to spend them.

The State Department favours American help to build "SEATO," new economic aid to (among other places) Laos and Cambodia; and spending money to make southern Vietnam as prosperous as possible, so as to give it the best chance to win if and when any fair elections to unite Vietnam are ever held.

Thanks initially to dollar aid, Western Germany is a vastly better advertisement than Eastern Germany for their respective economic systems. The disparity has had an effect on attitudes to Communism, and Washington is evidently disposed to try it again.

So long as Laos, Cambodia and southern Vietnam remain in the French franc monetary area, most of the dollars would presumably continue to go to France who would have to go on paying out local currency against them. To a lesser extent, so long as Burma remains in the sterling area, any dollar aid to Burma would tend to help Britain's reserves. In principle, there is no benefit to France or Britain's budget, but there is considerable benefit to their foreign exchange situation.

In sum, because of the situation in both France and Indo-

China, the Americans may well find it in their own strategic interest to provide as much aid as the French economy needs. It will dwindle, but so may the need. France's Communist party is not so small as to disqualify her for dollar aid. She is at any rate in less danger than Italy of its becoming too big.

One can only repeat that, during the centuries when Britain was in this business of paying subsidies to her Continental allies, she did it for her own sake and not for the sake of the Continent's balance of payment. France remains eligible for American aid, insofar as she now has a better chance of making it more productive of French and European economic revival, she is essentially more eligible than before.

The Americans no longer look at it in that Marshall Aid way, but it still carries some weight with them. Promoting the prosperity of the free world is still a vital part of their anti-Communist policy. Putting it at the lowest, they dislike pouring money down a rat-hole of inflation. France is no longer such a place, if M. Mendes-France succeeds in his drive against the restrictive practices which are France's bane, he will be creating the type of economic society that the Americans favour in principle, however far the practice may sometimes diverge from the principle.—Reuter.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Aug. 3.

Cotton futures trading continued slow and indecisive today.

New York cotton futures closed two to six points lower; New Orleans closed unchanged to five points lower.

Prices declined late in the day after reaching gains of as much as 30 cents a bale. Most of the months finished on their lows for the day. The weekly weather report was regarded as slightly unfavourable, but sources believe it will have little effect on the government's crop estimate which only covers a few days of August.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
Sept.	22,600	226,700
Oct.	20,500	410,100
Nov.	1,500	418,500
Dec.	9,000	389,200
Jan.	4,300	167,600
Feb.	2,300	62,000
Mar.	1,100	18,200
Apr.	62,100	1,832,800

NEW YORK PRICES

New York, Aug. 3.

Prices of cotton futures today closed as follows:

Spot	33.20
Oct.	34.21
Nov.	34.45-46
Mar. (1955)	34.50-51
May	34.57-58
Jul.	34.65
Oct.	35.23
Dec.	35.64

NEW ORLEANS PRICES

New Orleans, Aug. 3.

Prices of cotton futures today closed as follows:

Spot	34.15
Oct.	34.19-20
Nov.	34.40-41
Mar.	34.50-51
May	34.59
Jul.	34.65
Oct.	35.23
Dec.	35.64

LIVERPOOL MARKET

Liverpool, Aug. 3.

Closing prices, American middling cotton, 15/16 inch, 48 pence per lb., were as follows:

Oct/Nov.	31.20
Dec/Jan.	31.81
Mar./Apr.	31.82
May/June	31.87
Jul./Aug.	31.92
Official prices for spot cottons included:	
American middling 15/16 inch	32.00
With inch 32/34	32.00
Others were unchanged.	

SAO PAULO PRICES

Prices of cotton futures today closed in cruzeiros per kilo as follows:

Oct.	21.50
Nov.	21.50
Dec.	21.50
Jan.	21.50
Feb.	21.50
Mar.	21.50
Apr.	21.50
May	21.50
Jun.	21.50
Jul.	21.50
Aug.	21.50

(In the United States, the average price for 15/16 inch middling cotton was 34.21 cents per lb. at New York, 34.15 cents at New Orleans, and 34.15 cents at Liverpool. Sales at these centres totalled 17,125 bales.)—United Press.

TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

French Synthetic Rubber Plants

Paris, Aug. 3.

Talks on construction of a plant for the production of synthetic butyl rubber in France have progressed satisfactorily, according to trade circles here. Negotiations between tyre producers, oil and chemical companies and representatives of the Government have now entered a final stage. It is reported, although several more meetings will be necessary to arrange finance for the project.

Production of synthetic rubber in France, it is pointed out, would cut out the country's sterling expenses and also provide an outlet for part of her alcohol surplus.

Last year, France imported more than 110,000 tons of natural rubber, most of it from the sterling area. At the same time, some 10,000 tons of imported synthetic were used.

The project for the production of synthetic rubber in France was first brought forward in 1951.—Reuter.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$1,170,730.40. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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High Coffee Prices Upset The Canadians

Ottawa, Aug. 3.

High coffee prices have caused ordinary Canadians to investigate the rival merits of tea.

They have also prompted trade officials to examine tea consumption in Canada. An authoritative study by Miss Mary Hill, editor of "Foreign Trade," the organ of the Department of Trade and Commerce, cites figures which reveal many little-known facts—such as that Canadians, per person, drink five times as much tea as do their neighbours, the Americans.

While Canadians, with an average annual consumption of 3½ lbs., are far behind Britons, who use 8½ lbs., they are far ahead of Americans who use only .65 lb. per head.

In 1953, Canada imported 54,400,000 lbs. of tea from fifteen countries, including one or two which are re-exporters such as Britain, at a cost of roughly 20,000,000 dollars (about £7,000,000). Her chief suppliers were India with 21,200,000 lbs. valued at 8,600,000 dollars (about £3,000,000) and Ceylon with 17,800,000 lbs. with the even higher value of 8,420,000 dollars (over £2,900,000). Other sources included 4,300,000 lbs. at a cost of 2,170,000 dollars (about £730,000) from Britain; 1,300,000 lbs. at a cost of 540,000 dollars (about £200,000) from British East Africa; and the Netherlands, Indonesia and Japan.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Aug. 3.

Late sharp strength in the rails, rounding out an early advance led by aircraft issues pushed stocks to new quarter-century highs in active trading today.

The rails, lagging in recent sessions, sprang sharply and closed with some of the best gains, amounting to more than \$1.50 on the average and lifting to a new high level since Oct. 4, 1930.

Industrials, despite declines in a few leaders such as Bethlehem and National Steel, General Motors, American Can and the Texas Company, were up a few cents on average and at their best since Oct. 14, 1930. Utilities touched a new peak since July 6, 1931, bolstered by gains of more than a point each in Consolidated Natural Gas and Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line.

Volume, swelled by heavy activity in issues such as Curtiss-Wright, Fairchild Engine, General Dynamics, Southern Pacific, Boeing, totalled 2,970,000 shares, 120,000 shares ahead of yesterday and heaviest since July 16.

Demand for the aircraft touched off the advance in industrial light from the opening, with favourable dividend and earnings news helping several issues in the group.

United Aircraft rose 3½ points on a dividend increase. Boeing gained 4 on a special dividend and sharply higher earnings.

Anacosta, Kennecott Copper, National Lead, Aluminum Ltd. rose a point to more than 2 points in the metals. Steels were mixed.

General Dynamics, a continued favourite, ran up another 3½ points.

Out of a total of 1,234 issues traded, 524 closed higher, 433 lower.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,240,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 630,000 shares.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York, Aug. 3.

Dow Jones closing averages on Wall Street today were as follows:—

30 Industrials	345.51
30 rails	425.73
30 utilities	60.53
60 bonds	131.02
40 stocks	191.12
Comm. future price index	125.25

—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Aug. 3.

